

# The Global Burden of Disease Attributable To Air Pollution: *Latest Results and Future Directions for Source-Specific Burdens*

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# ***Air Pollution and the Global Burden of Disease***

- Air Quality and Health
  - Estimating the Global Burden of Disease GBD
    - Health Effects in India and Globally
    - GBD 2015: The Latest Results!
  - Looking Ahead:
    - GBD MAPS: Understanding Source-Specific Health Impacts in China, India and Eastern Europe
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- Concluding Thoughts



# The Health Effects Institute

*Trusted Science* → *Cleaner Air* → *Better Health*

- An independent non-profit institute providing trusted science on the health effects of air pollution for 35 years
- Balanced Core Support
  - US EPA and Industry (Worldwide Motor Vehicle)
- Additional Support and Partnerships
  - Also WHO, ADB, Clean Air Asia, TERI, Sri Ramachandra Medical School, EU, US DOE, industries, foundations, others
- Independent Board and Expert Science Committees
  - Oversee and intensively peer review all science
  - International experts from India, China, many others
- Over 350 scientific studies, reviews, and reanalysis conducted around the world, including increasingly in Asia

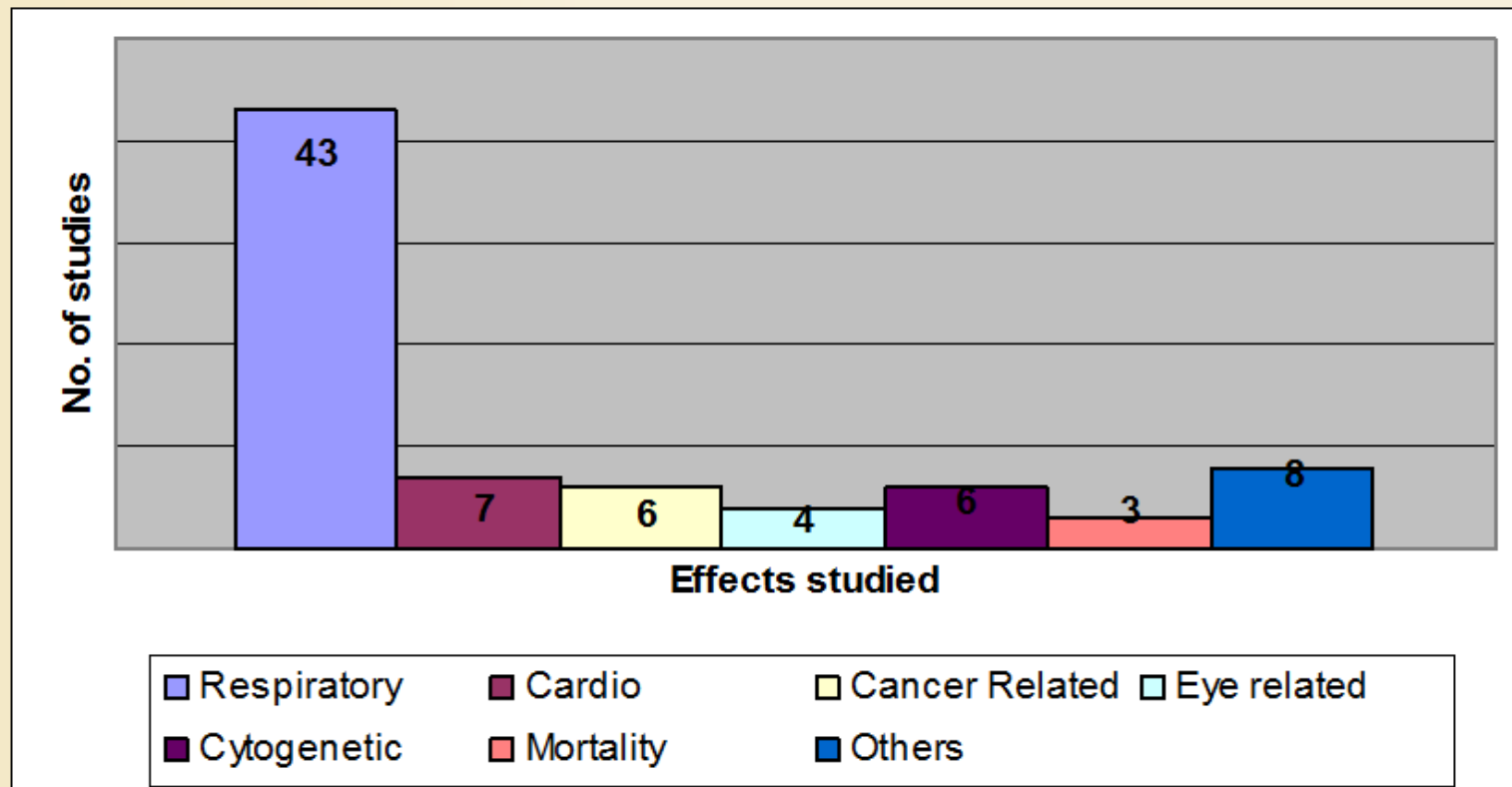
***Understanding local impacts in a global context to  
inform policy***

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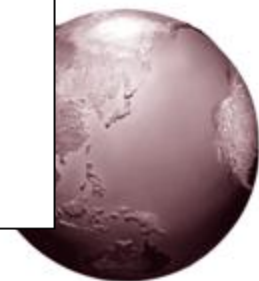


# Growing number of Indian air pollution and health studies...

- Respiratory health symptoms dominate....
- Broadening to include cardiovascular, eye disorders, cellular changes, cancer, premature deaths....



Source: CSE



# Also a Growing Number of Ambient Air Pollution Adult Mortality Studies

Find Links between Long term PM and Premature Mortality

(including studies from Asia, Europe, North America)

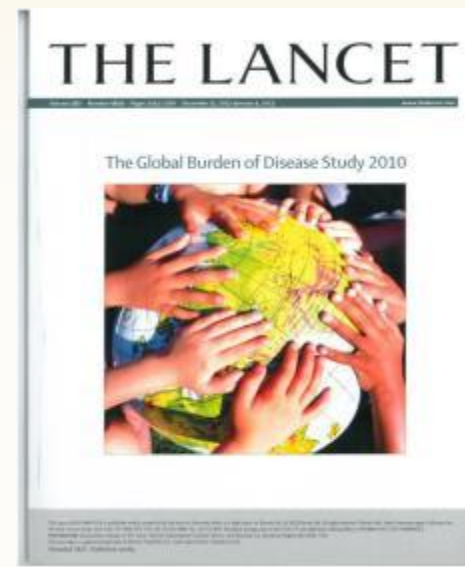
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# *The Global Burden of Disease (GBD)*

- A systematic scientific effort to quantify the magnitude of health loss from disease and injuries in 195 countries around the world from 1990 to 2015
  - E.g. cardiovascular disease, respiratory disease, HIV-AIDS, cancer, road traffic injuries, others
- Risks factors associated with those diseases
  - E.g. smoking, diet, high blood pressure, air pollution, overweight
  - GBD 2015, published in *The Lancet* October 2016
- Organized by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), U Washington
- ***HEI leadership for outdoor air pollution***

“The latest estimates and analyses from the Global Burden of Disease Study 2015 (GBD 2015) provide a vital link...”

- ***Dr. Srinath Reddy, PHFI, Lancet October 2016***



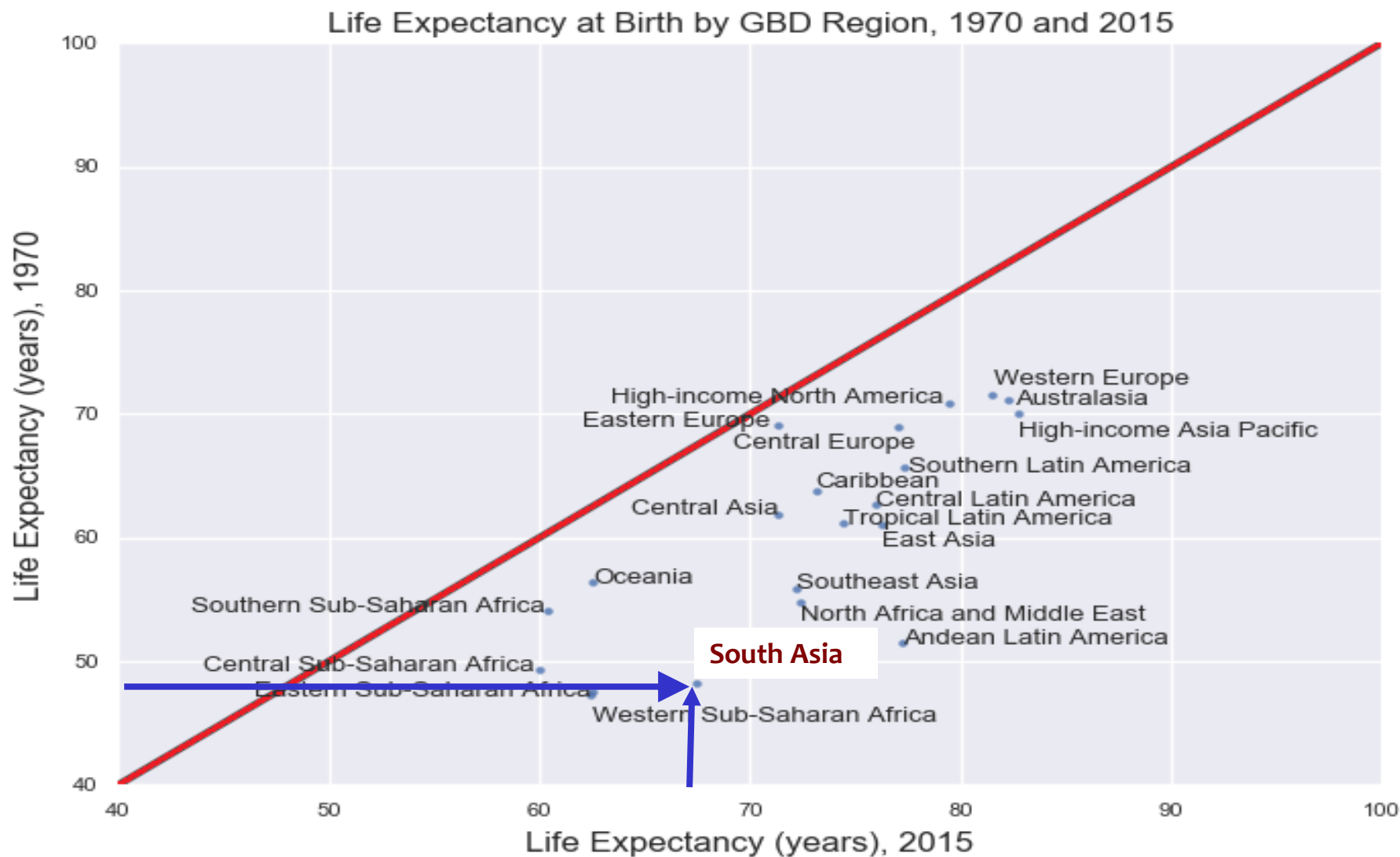
*A global study with a global network of investigators:  
1,656 investigators, 119 countries*



# Changes in Life-Expectancy at Birth 1970-2015

*Good news: Longer lives worldwide*

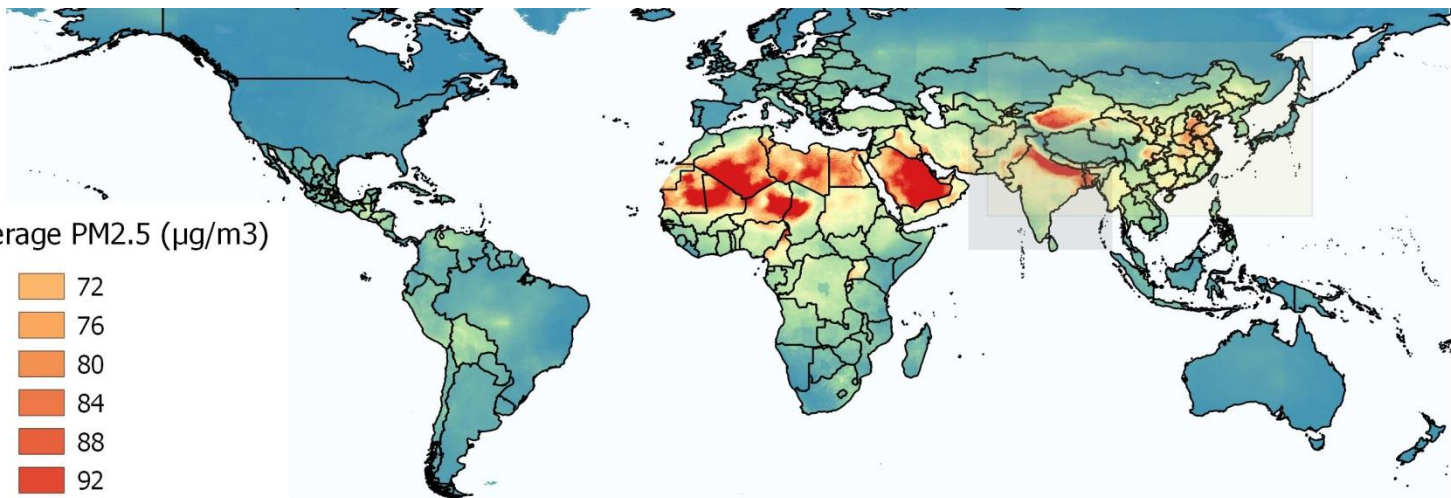
*But, more people dying from diseases of aging*





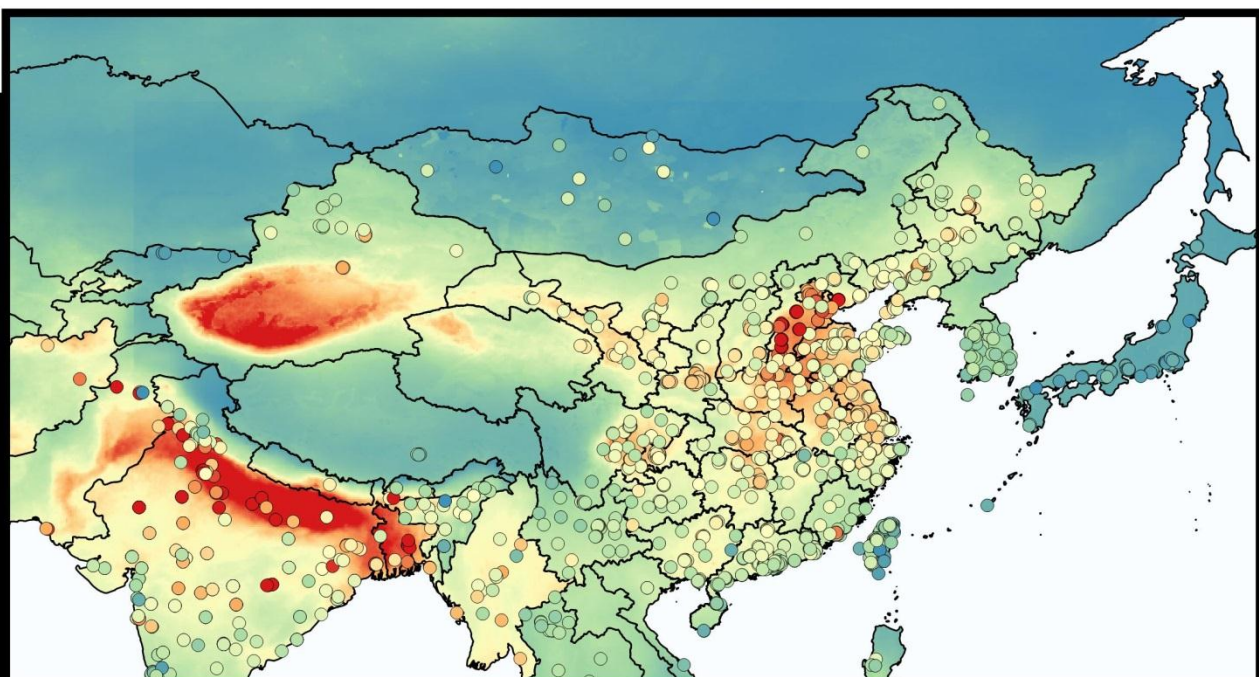
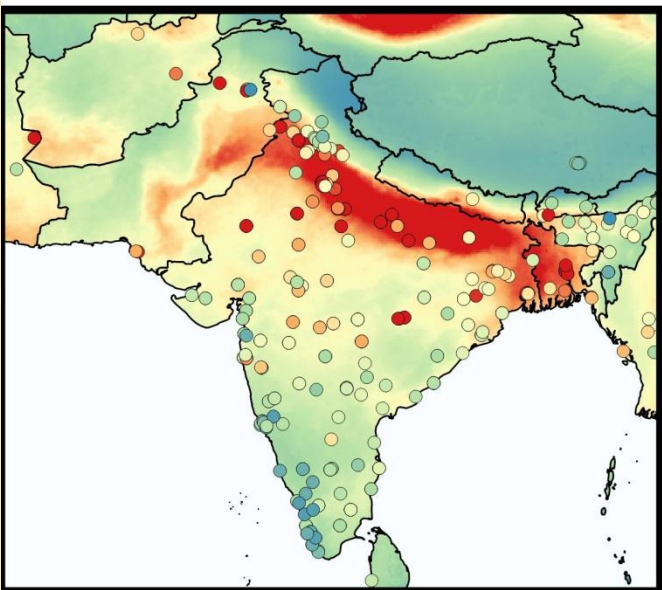
# First Step: Estimating 2015 Global Average PM<sub>2.5</sub>

*Enhanced ground monitoring and other data leading to higher quality estimates*



2015 Annual average PM<sub>2.5</sub> (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

4	36	72
8	40	76
12	44	80
16	48	84
20	52	88
24	56	92
28	60	96
32	64	>100
	68	



# GBD 2015: Growing Number of Measurements in East and South Asia

	GBD2013		GBD2015	
Country	PM2.5	PM10	PM2.5	PM10
China	96	312	1035	
India	14	186	14 (+8)	357
Bangladesh	4	3	11	1
Pakistan	1	0	6	0
Nepal	0	1	0	1
Bhutan	0	1	0	5
Afghanistan	0	0	2	0



## ***Second Step: Estimating Mortality Risk for the Global Burden of Ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub>***

- **Five Major Diseases related to PM<sub>2.5</sub>**
  - Ischemic heart disease (IHD)
  - Stroke
  - Chronic obstructive lung disease (COPD)
  - Lung cancer
  - Lower respiratory infection (Age 0 – 5)
- **Four of Five are Diseases of Aging...**

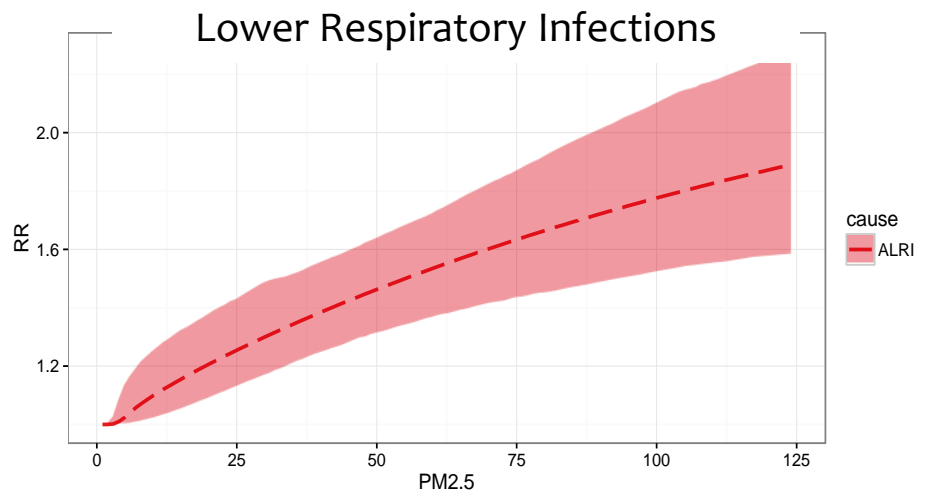
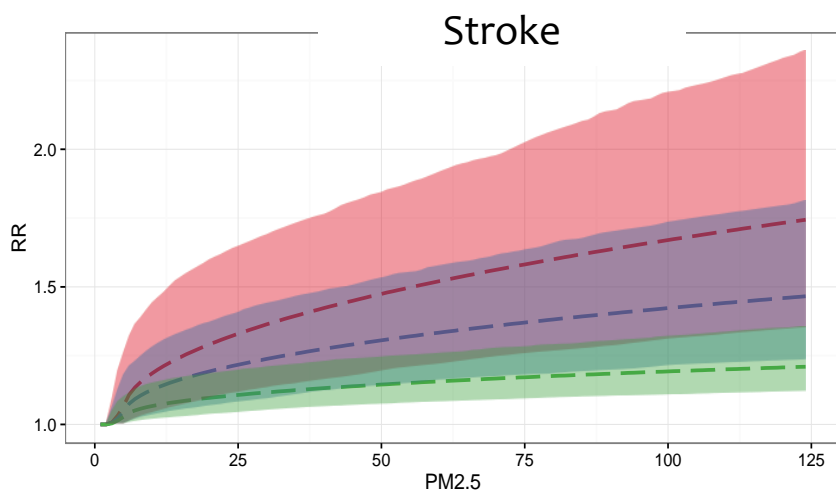
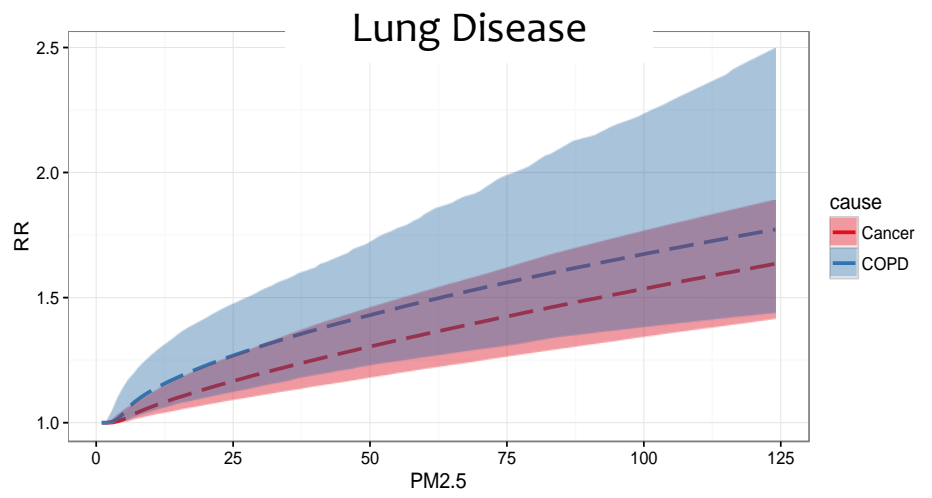
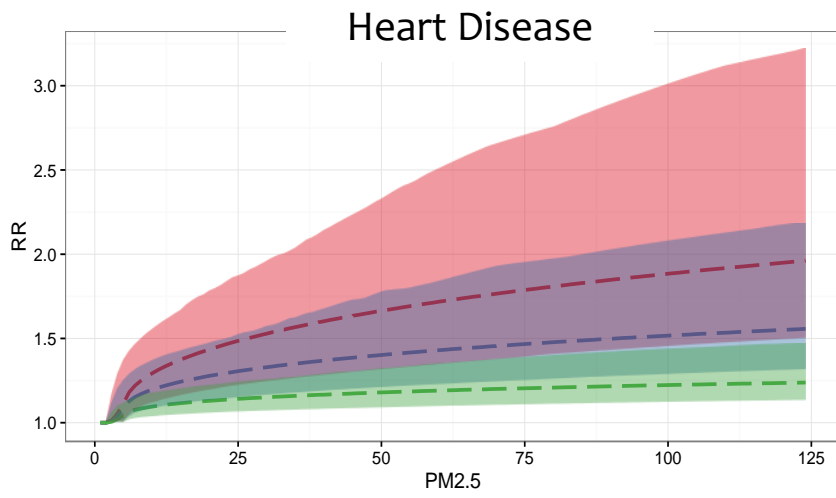


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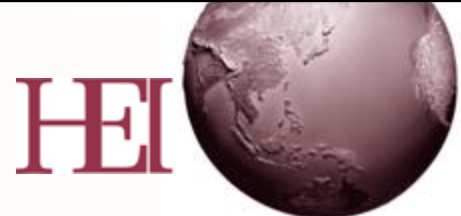
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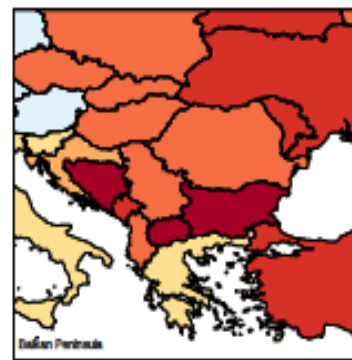
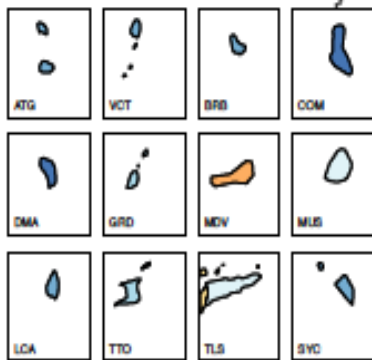
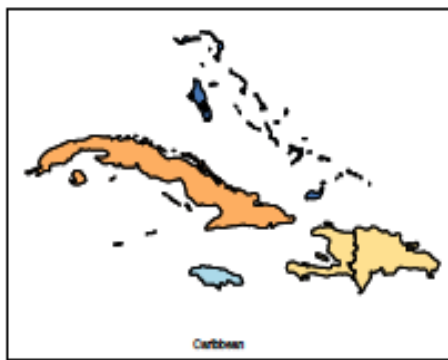
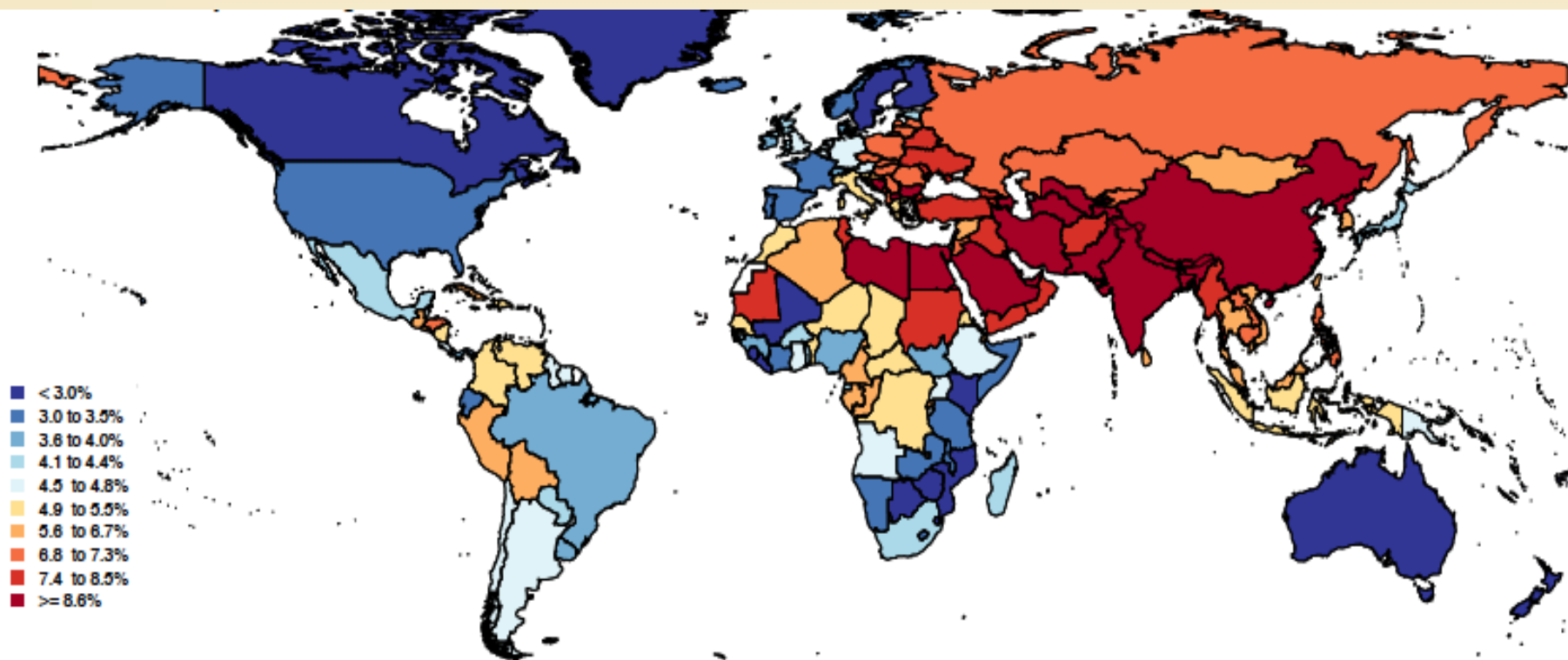


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# Percent of total deaths in 2015 attributable to ambient PM<sub>2.5</sub>

India and China: Greater than 9% of all deaths

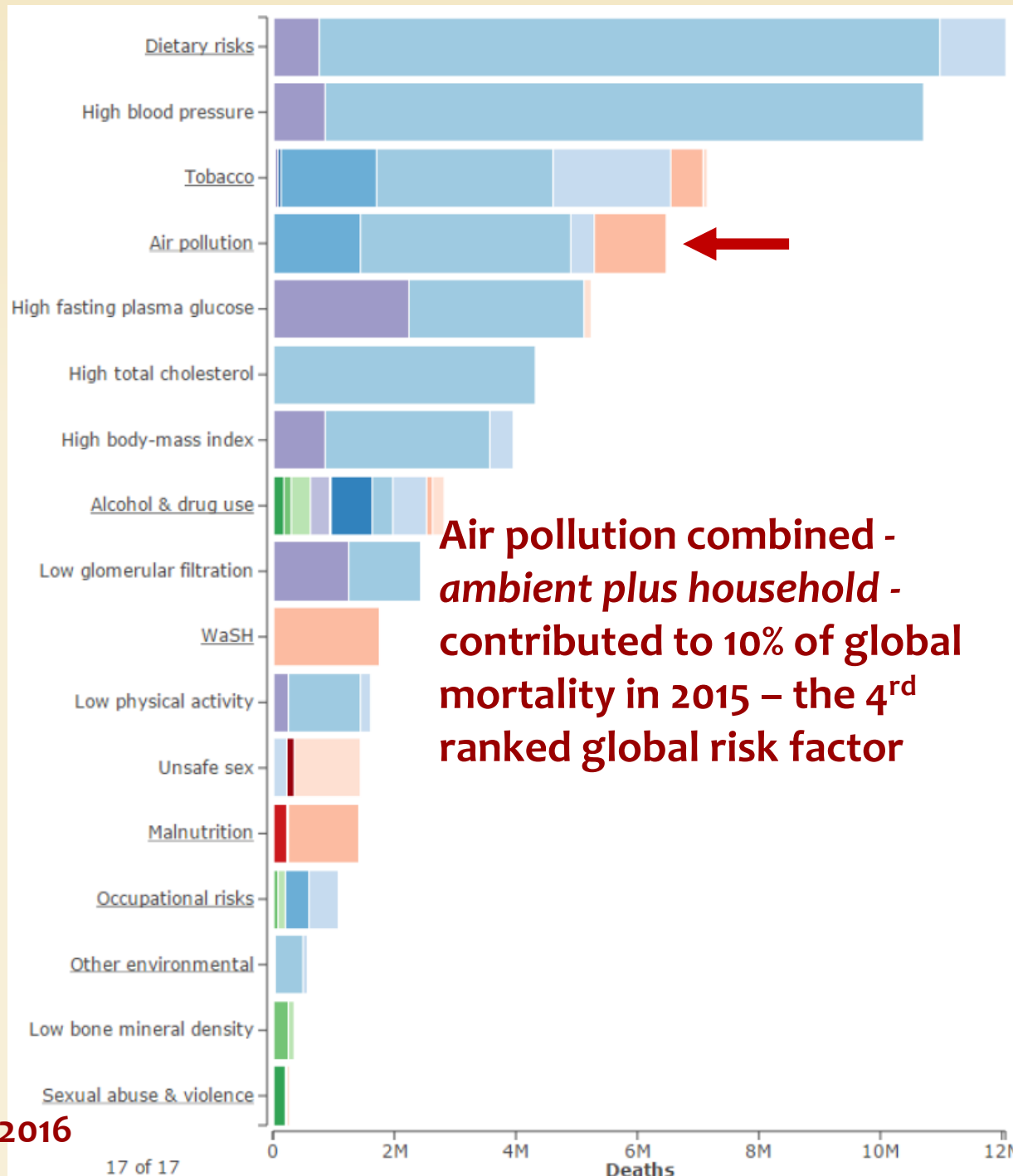


# Third Step: Comparing Air Pollution to All Other Risks

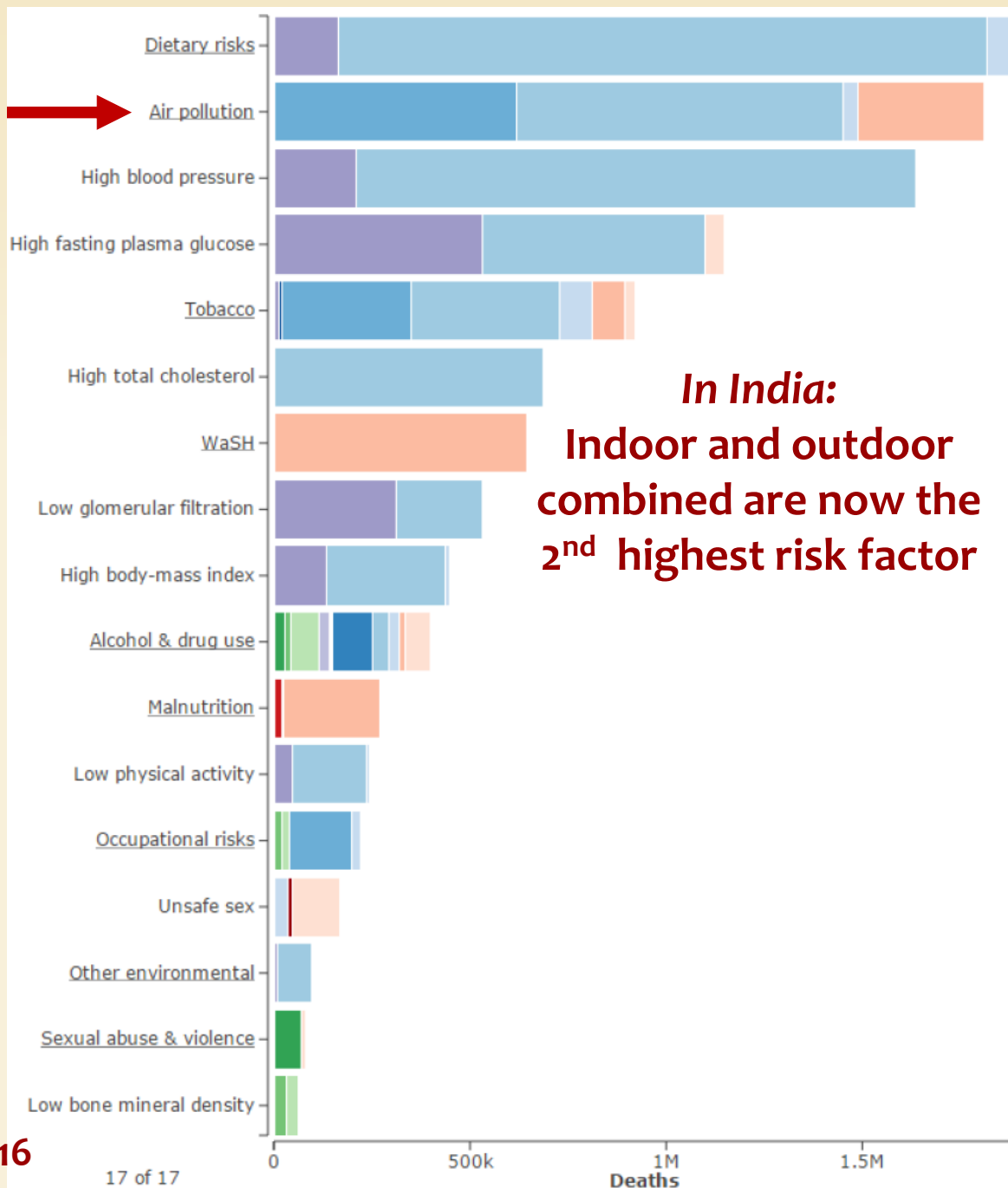
GBD 2015  
Premature Deaths:  
Air Pollution among  
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GBD 2015 The Lancet 7 October 2016



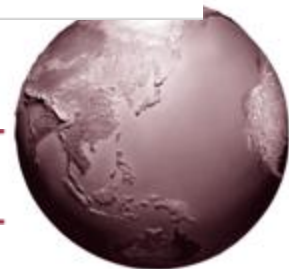
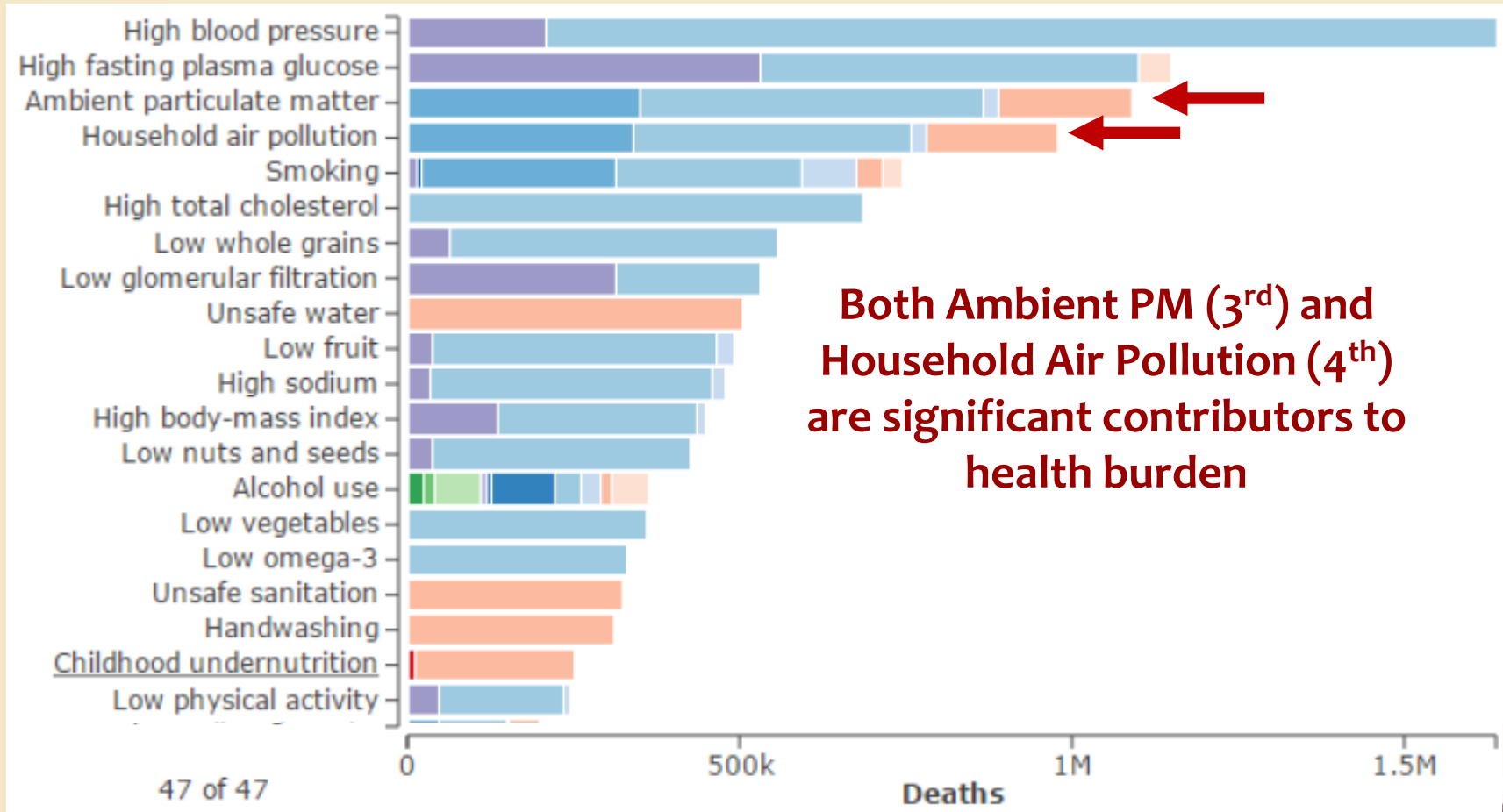
# India GBD 2015: Premature Deaths attributable to combined risk factors





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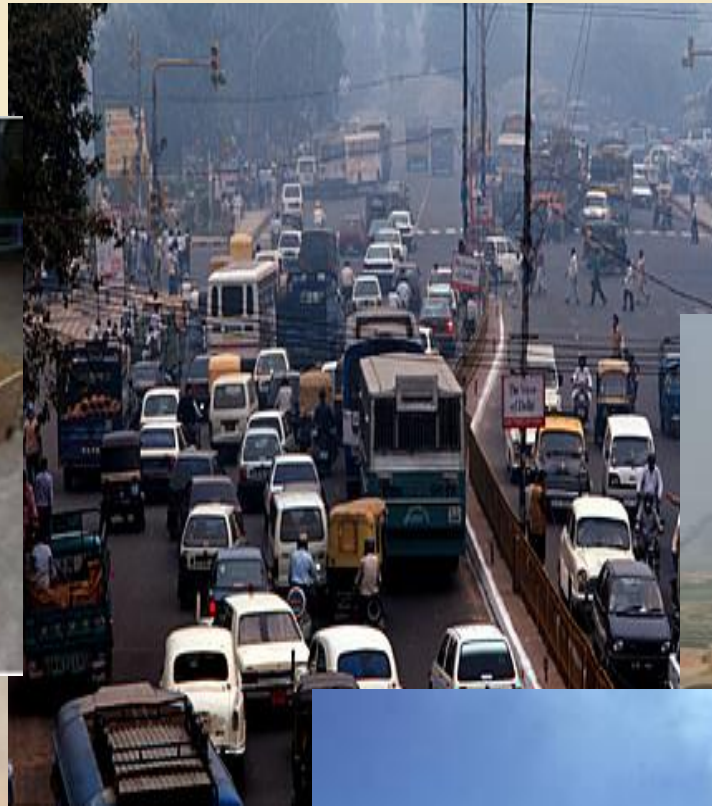
Ambient PM Ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, contributing to 1.1 million premature deaths each year



***A Fourth Step:***  
***Understanding Health Burdens from***  
***Different Sources to Achieve Cleaner Air***



# Many Sources of PM in India



# ***GBD MAPS: Understanding Source Specific Impacts***

- Source-specific impacts best inform, drive climate and air pollution control measures
- GBD MAPS: **G**lobal **B**urden of **D**isease from **M**ajor **A**ir **P**ollution **S**ources
- New HEI-IHME initiative to understand source-specific impacts (e.g. transport, biomass, coal)
  - **China, India, Eastern Europe**, in a global context
  - Using GBD methods, data
  - At national, provincial levels
- In partnership with leading Chinese, Indian partners (Tsinghua, IIT-B, others)



***Underway now; China results published August 2016;  
India in Spring 2017***



# ***GBD MAPS International Steering Committee***

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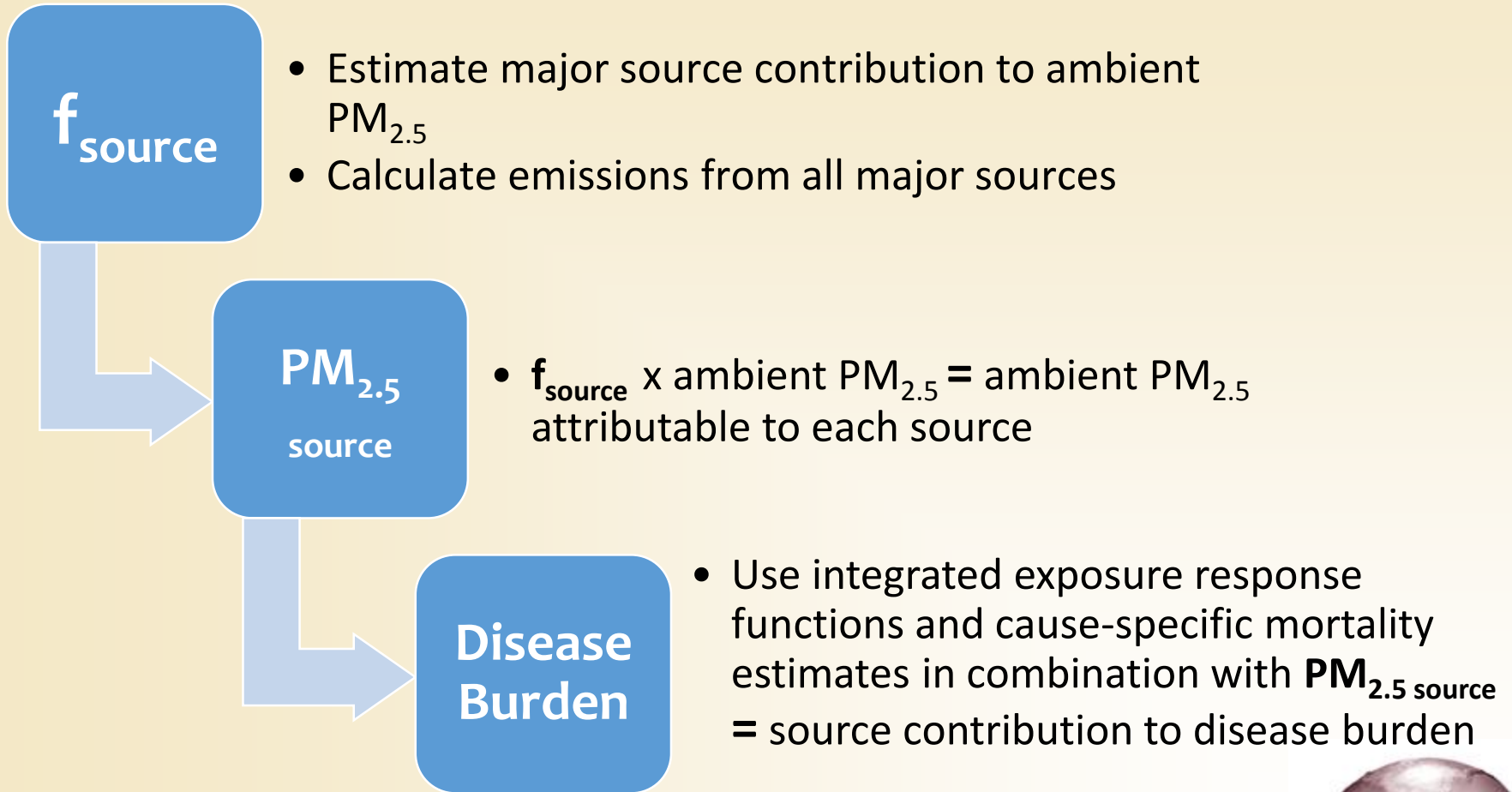


# ***GBD MAPS: All the Major Sources***

- Transportation (on-road, non-road)
- Household Biomass
- Brick Kilns
- Coal:
  - Power, Industry, Domestic
- Non-coal Industrial
- Agriculture
- Open Burning

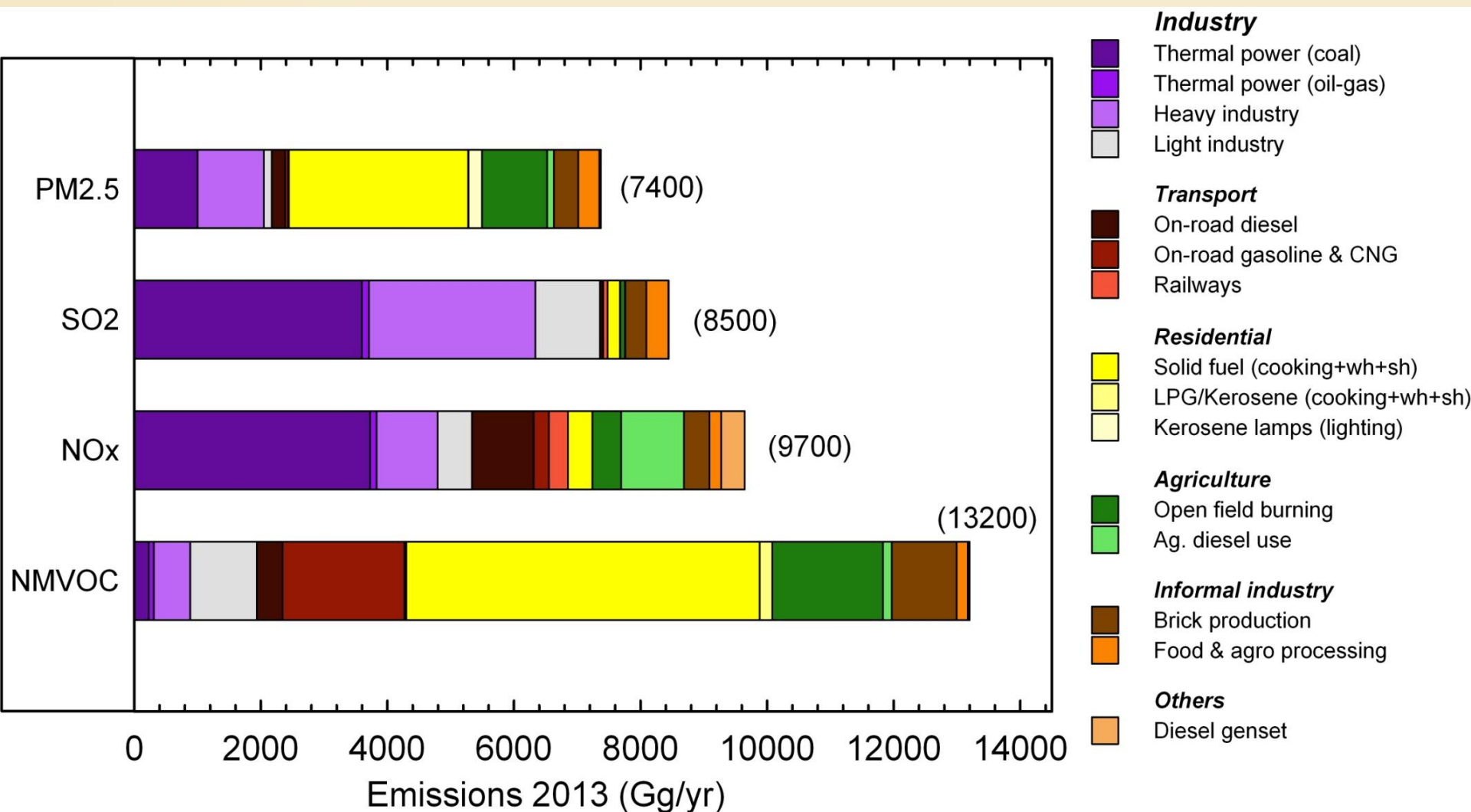


# *GBD-MAPS general methodology*



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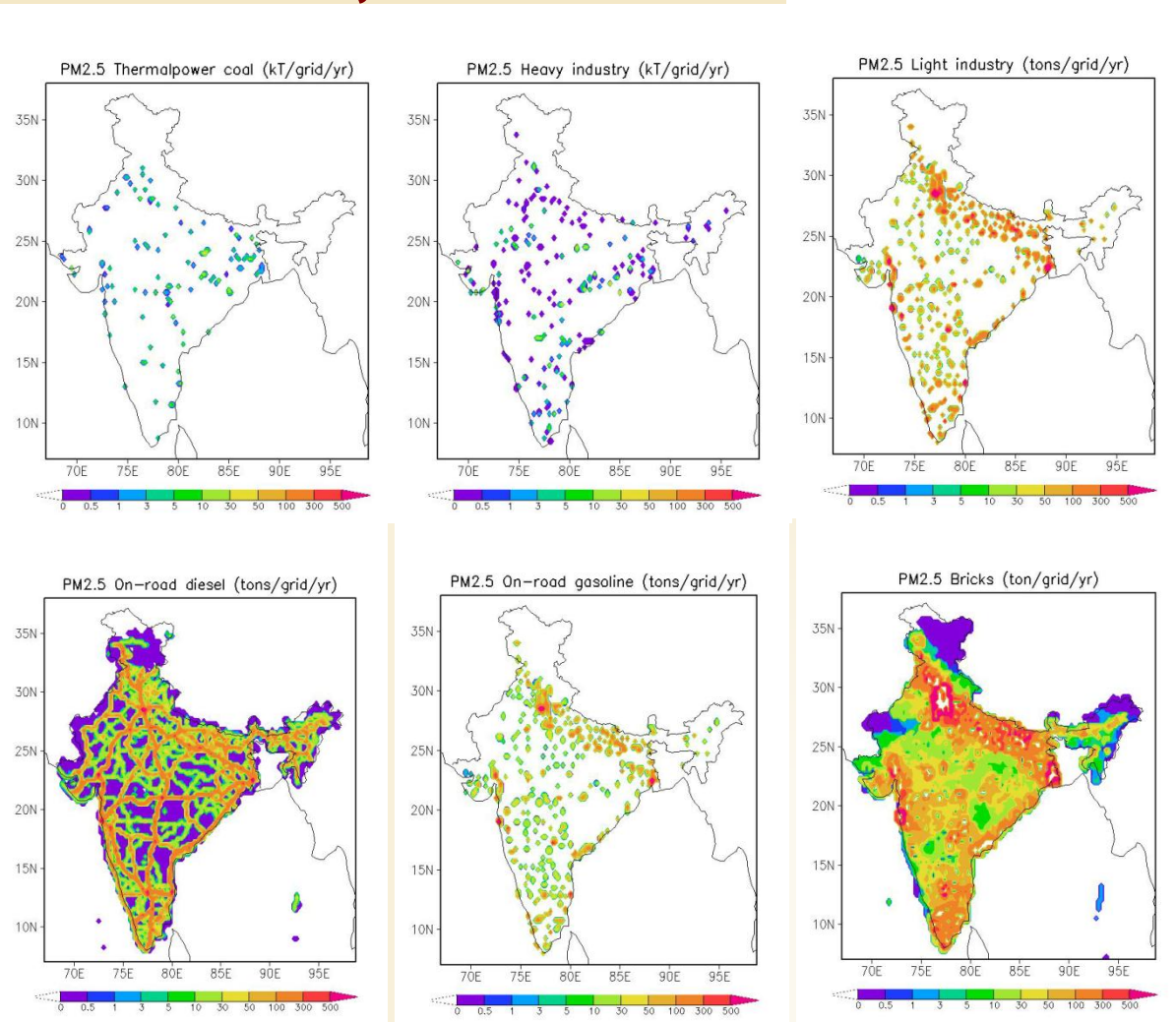
Estimate of India source primary emission contributions to ambient  $PM_{2.5}$  using latest available information on current emissions (2013)





# Spatial Extent of Source Emission Estimates

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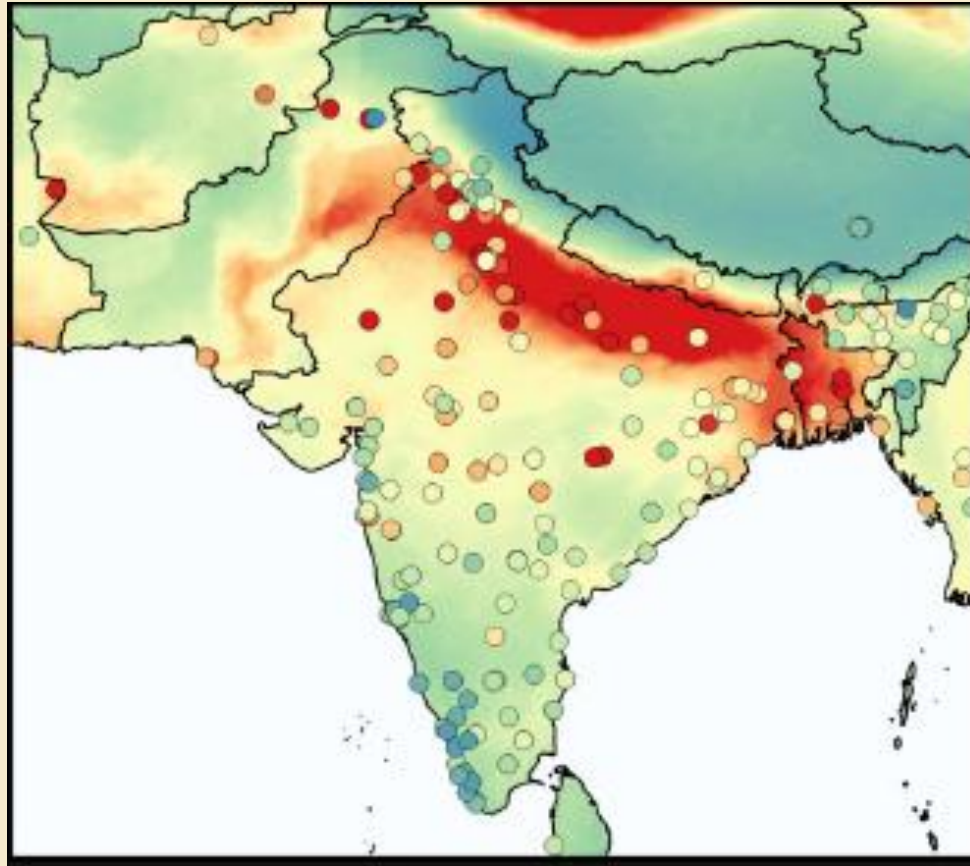
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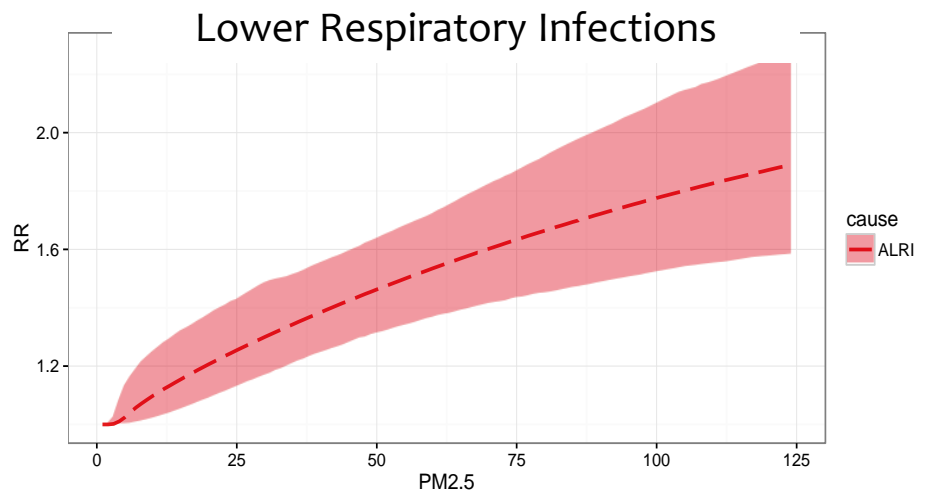
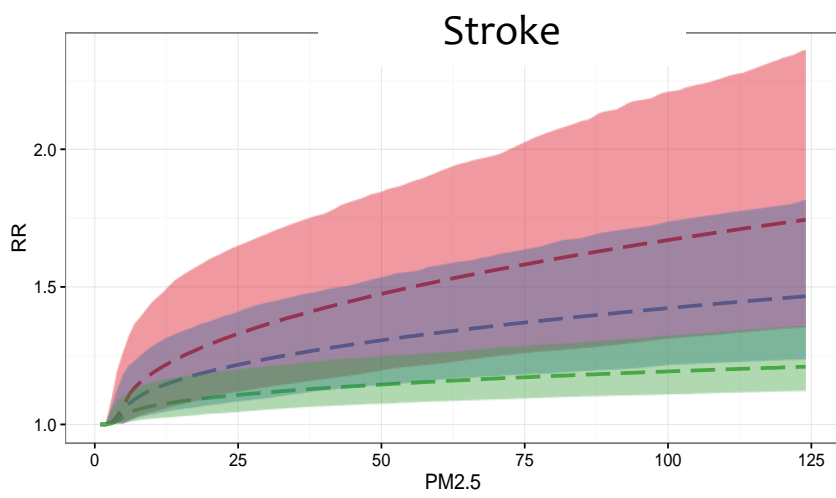
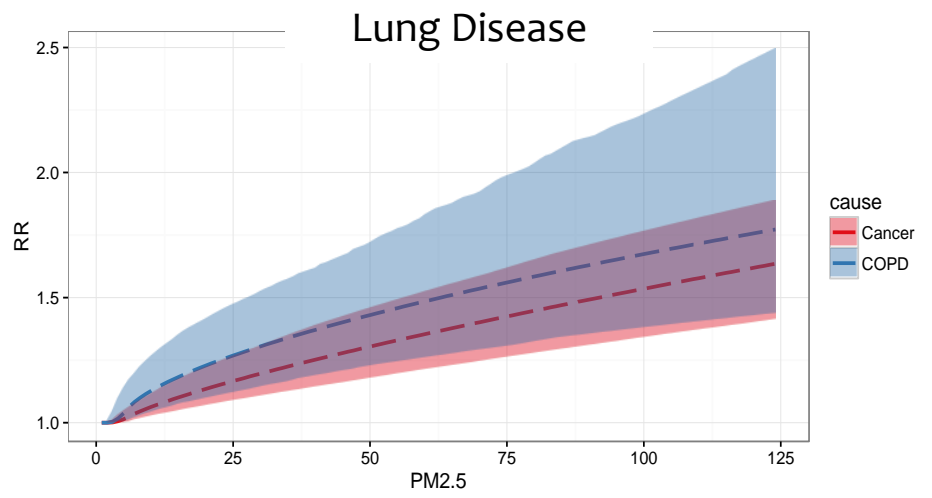
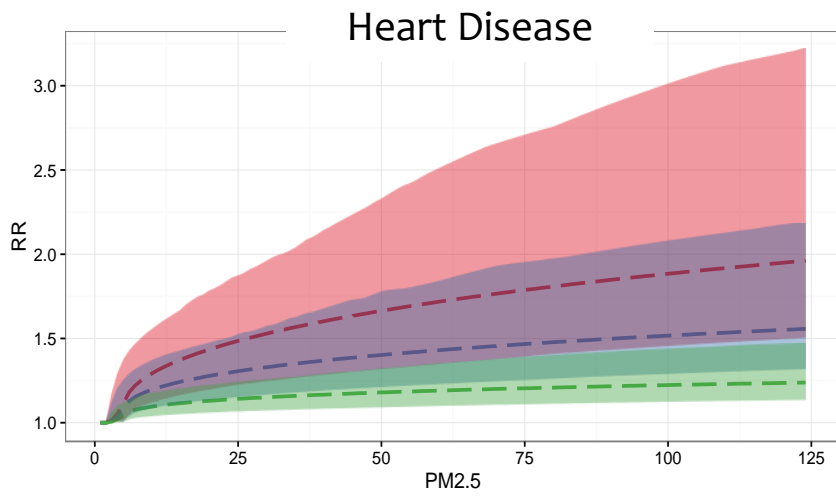
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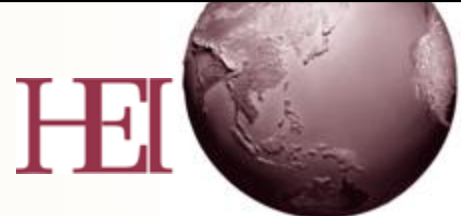


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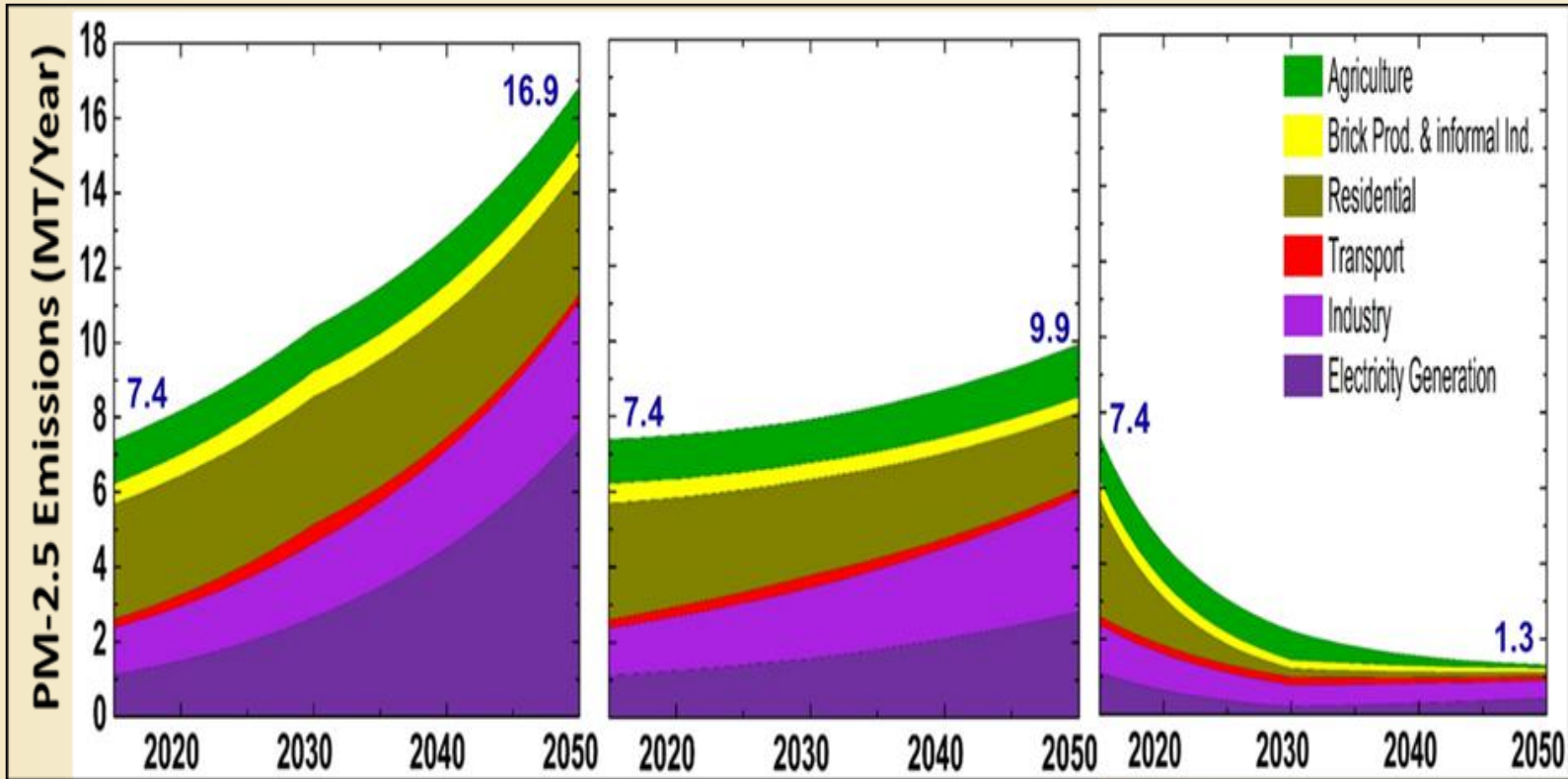


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# Looking Forward:

**GBD MAPS will project Business as Usual and Modest and Advance Control scenarios for all sources through 2050**



**Peer-Reviewed Final GBD MAPS India results  
in April 2017**

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# *The Special Case of Traffic Sources*





# Traffic Related Air Pollution & Health: An Expert HEI Review 2010

Summarized & synthesized over 700 studies on health effects of traffic

- However, not **all** of equal quality

Found :

- **Highest exposures 300-500 meters from major roads**
- Growing evidence of effects, especially **asthma exacerbation in children**

**New:**

- **HEI Traffic Exposure, Tunnel Studies underway**
- **Updated traffic expert review to get underway in 2017 (10 more years of data)**
- **Initiating new Studies of traffic and health**

## The New York Times

January 13, 2010

### Report Links Vehicle Exhaust to Health Problems



A relationship was found between pollution from vehicles and impaired lung function and accelerated hardening of the arteries.

By [MATTHEW L. WALD](#)

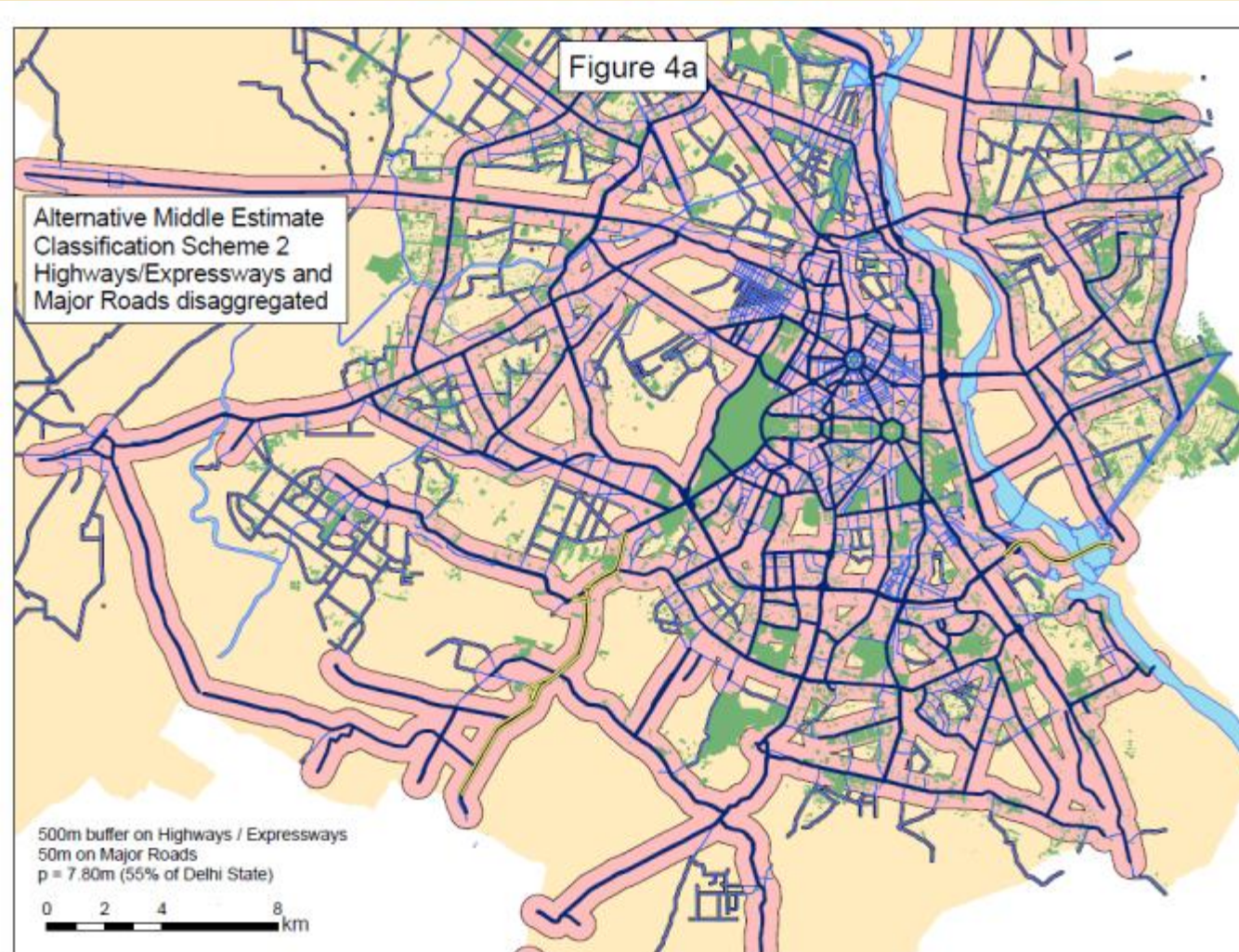
Exhaust from cars and trucks exacerbates [asthma](#) in children and may cause new cases as well as other respiratory illnesses and heart problems resulting in deaths, [an independent institute](#) that focuses on vehicle-related air pollution has concluded.

[The report](#), to be issued on Wednesday by the nonprofit Health Effects Institute, analyzed 700 peer-reviewed studies conducted around the world on varying aspects of motor vehicle emissions and health. It found "evidence of a causal relationship," but not proof of one, between pollution from vehicles and impaired lung function and accelerated [hardening of the arteries](#).

It said there was "strong evidence" that exposure to traffic helped cause variations in [heart rate](#) and other heart ailments that result in deaths. But among the many studies that evaluated death from heart problems, some did not separate stress and noise from air pollution as a cause, it said.

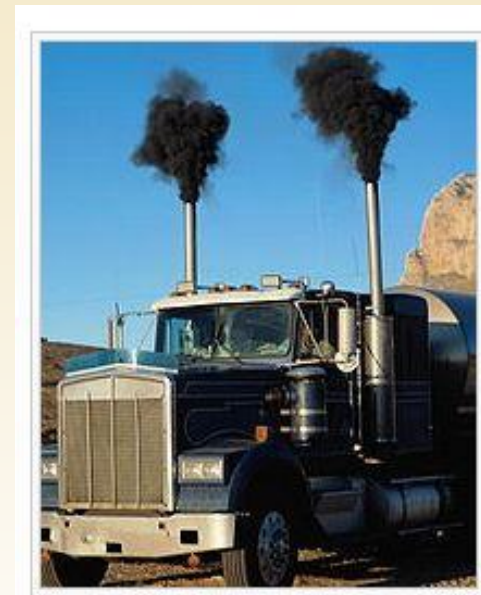
# The Traffic Impact Area in Delhi:

HEI Analysis: 55% of the Population within 500 meters of a Freeway; 50 meters of a Major Road



# A Key Challenge: Old Diesel

- Primary health concern: *effects on the heart from exposure to **Particulate Matter (PM)** from older diesel*
  - Significant effects on mortality, life expectancy
  - Strong evidence of respiratory effects: *reduced lung function, respiratory irritation, asthma exacerbation*
- IARC (WHO) Review of diesel carcinogenicity (2012)
  - Diesel a “Known Human Carcinogen”
  - Based on Two Major Occupational Studies (reviewed in HEI 2015 Special Report):
    - US Diesel Exposed Miners Study (DEMS)
    - US Truckers Study
- **Exposure to older diesel pervasive in much of the world**

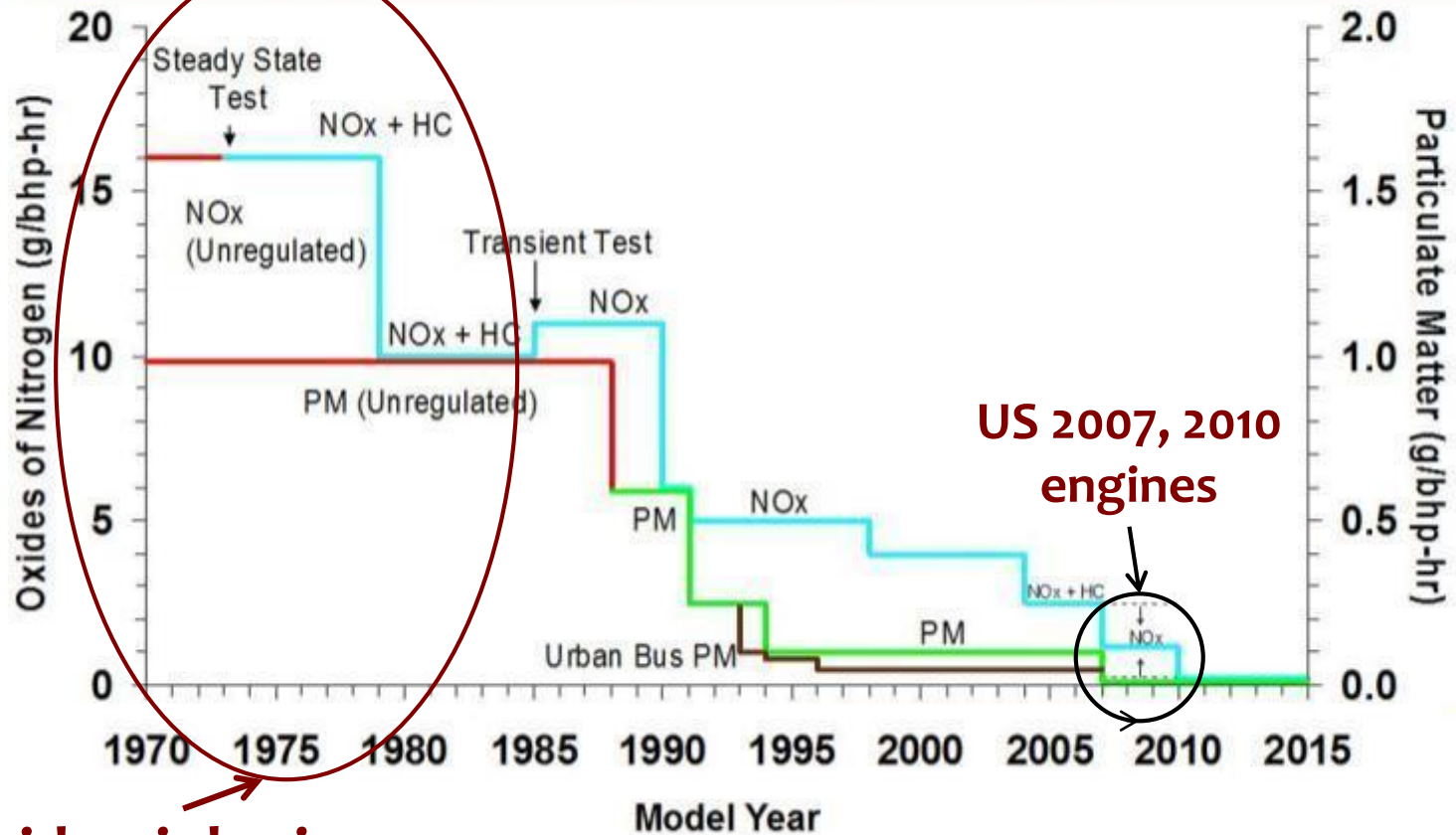




# The Policy Response: New Technology Diesel

US 2007/2010 Rules; EURO 6/VI (2015); China 6/VI (2017); B.S. 6/VI (2020)

## EPA Heavy-Duty Engine Emission Standards



Epidemiologic  
Studies

# **And Now:**

## **Evidence that Traffic Actions Can Improve Health!**



***Los Angeles Then and Now***



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“Accountability” Study:  
AQ and Health in LA  
Gauderman et al  
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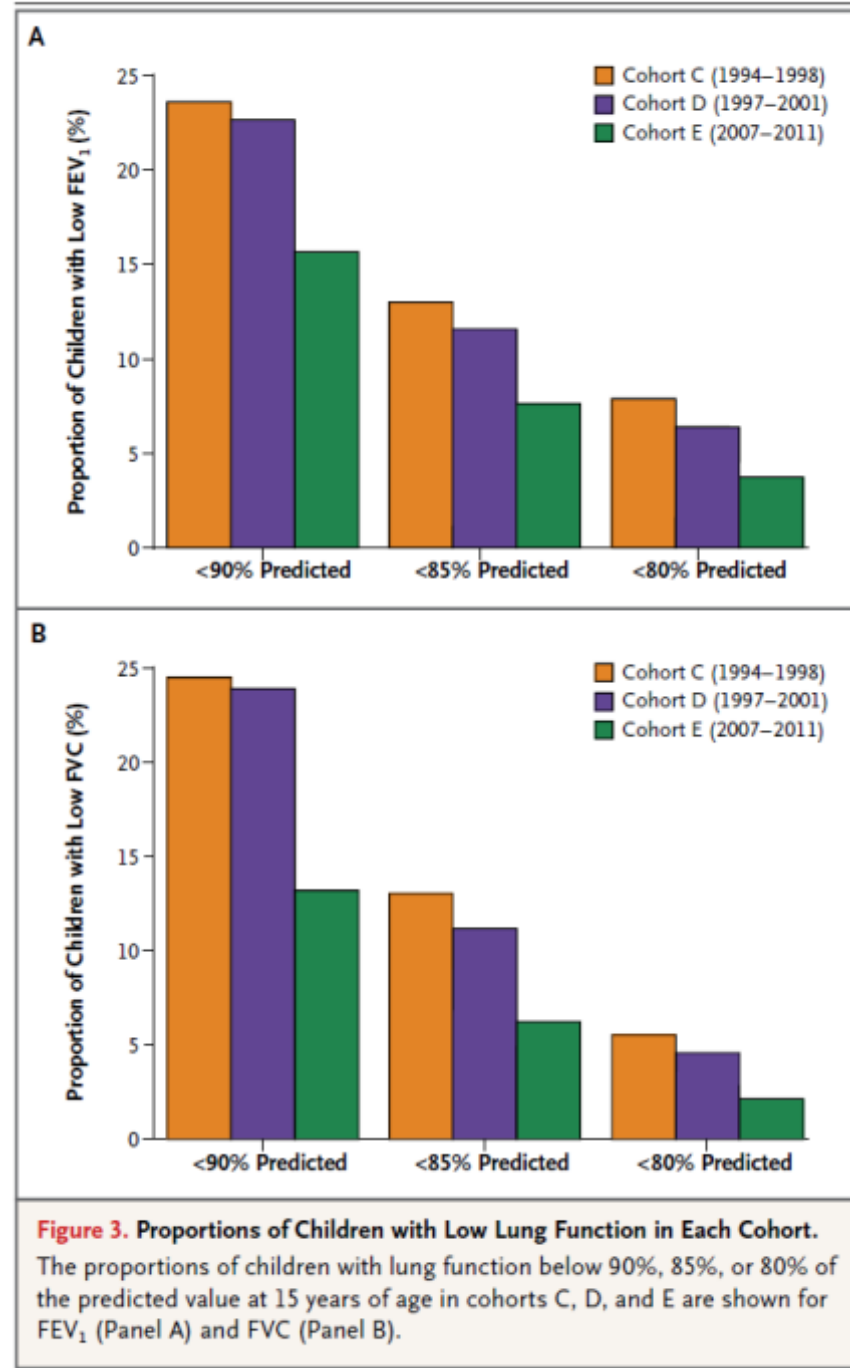


**Figure 1.** Levels of Four Air Pollutants from 1994 to 2011 in Five Southern California Communities.

Colored bands represent the relevant 4-year averaging period for the analysis of lung-function growth in each of the three cohorts, C, D, and E. PM<sub>2.5</sub> denotes particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 2.5 µm, and PM<sub>10</sub> particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than 10 µm.

# Cleaner Air and Improved Lung Health

- Tracked growth in Lung Function in 3 “cohorts” (2,100 children total) in Southern California 1994 – 2011
- Saw notable improvement in lung function in the most recent cohort (who grew up 2007 – 2011 in cleaner air)



# Concluding Thoughts

- We know much more today about the Health Effects of Air Pollution in Asia
  - Growing science base
  - New Short and Long Term Studies
- GBD is increasing understanding of the population health burdens
  - **GBD 2015** includes new approaches to exposure and exposure-response
- Actions beginning in India:
  - AQI, BS VI Leapfrog, thermal power plants standards
- Source-specific impacts are likely to best inform and drive future control measures
  - GBD MAPS Report for India in Spring 2017
  - New Traffic Review and Studies



# Thank You!

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